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INCOME TAX LAWS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government feels that there is a need to review the existing income tax laws to make these more and more consumer friendly and to inspire tax payers to pay taxes;

(b) if so, the time by which such a review is likely to be conducted; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a)&(b): Review of the Income-tax Act is a regular exercise and is carried out every year as a part of budgetary process. Rationalisation and simplification of the Income tax law with a view to inspire the taxpayers to pay their rightful taxes to the Government is also an ongoing process. A number of such amendments were carried out during preceding years. The amendments have been mostly consumer friendly and directed towards improving voluntary compliance. The results of such changes in tax laws are reflected in substantial increase in the number of taxpayers in the last three years.

(c) : Therefore, does not arise.